

fixed; to validate the summoning of grand and petit jurors under the present law so as to render them available under the act; to provide for the continuation of court in session in said district when this act takes effect, to the end of the term; to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and providing an emergency."

Respectfully,
MORRIS C. HANKINS,
Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed, in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof and their captions had been read severally, the following enrolled bills:

H. B. No. 169, "An Act to amend Title 8, Article 199, Section 1, Subdivision 23, page 96 of the Regular Session of the Thirty-ninth Legislature of the State of Texas, changing the time of holding of the terms of district court in the Twenty-third Judicial District of Texas, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 112, "An Act to change and prescribe the time for holding the terms of district court in the Thirty-third Judicial District; to make all writs and process issued or served before this act takes effect, including recognizances and bonds, returnable to the terms of court in several counties in said district, as herein fixed; to validate the summoning of grand and petit jurors under the present law so as to render them available under this act; to provide for the continuation of court in session in said district when this act takes effect, to the end of the term; to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and providing for an emergency."

RECESS.

On motion of Mr. Satterwhite, the House, at 6 o'clock p. m., took recess to 9 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

APPENDIX.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 4, 1927.
Hon. Robert Lee Bobbitt, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 169, "An Act to amend Title 8, Article 199, Section 1, subdivision 23, page 96 of the Regular Session of the Thirty-ninth Legislature of the State of Texas, changing the time of holding of the terms of district court in the Twenty-third Judicial District of Texas, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled.

MORSE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 4, 1927.

Hon. Robert Lee Bobbitt, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 112, "An Act to change and prescribe the time for holding the terms of district court in the Thirty-third Judicial District; to make all writs and process issued or served before this act takes effect, including recognizances and bonds, returnable to the terms of court in several counties in said district, as herein fixed; to validate the summoning of grand and petit jurors under the present law so as to render them available under this act; to provide for the continuation of court in session in said district when this act takes effect, to the end of the term; to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and providing for an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled.

MORSE, Chairman.

EIGHTEENTH DAY.

(Continued.)

(Saturday, February 5, 1927.)

The House met at 9 o'clock a. m. and was called to order by Speaker Bobbitt.

HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following House bills, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees as follows:

By Mr. Kirkland:

H. B. No. 436, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 793 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for Texas for 1925, so as to provide that a defendant convicted of a misdemeanor and his punishment assessed at a fine and is unable to pay said fine and costs, he

may discharge same at the rate of one dollar per day, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Mr. Duvall:

H. B. No. 437, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the creation of public parks in counties having an assessed taxable valuation of one hundred and forty million dollars or more, and providing for the issuance of bonds for the creation and maintenance of such parks and to purchase the requisite lands therefor, providing a tax of five cents on the \$100 property valuation to pay the interest on such bonds and to create a sinking fund therefor, and further providing that such tax of five cents shall be in addition to all other taxes allowed to such counties by law and providing for the creation of an advisory park board under the direction of the commissioners court of each county, and repealing Article 6078 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, and all other laws in conflict herewith in so far as same apply to counties having an assessed property valuation of one hundred and forty million dollars or more, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

By Mr. Farrar:

H. B. No. 438, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the payment by the Highway Commission out of State funds coming to it, the annual interest and sinking fund assessments on so much of the proceeds of road bonds issued by any county, road precinct, or defined district to the extent that such funds were used in the construction of State designated highways; providing the method of determining such amount, the manner of payment; and providing further, that this act does not absolve or release such counties, road precincts, and defined districts from their primary liability to pay such bonds and the annual interest and sinking funds thereon; and further providing that the amount paid hereunder by the Highway Commission shall be deducted in each instance by the commissioners court from the liability of such county, road precinct or defined district affected, before fixing the tax rates for payment of the balance due."

Referred to Committee on Highways and Motor Traffic.

By Mr. Foster and Mr. Kemble:

H. B. No. 439, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 6676 of the Revised Statutes of 1925, declaring motor vehicles belonging to municipal corporations not subject to the license taxes provided for in Chapter 1, of Title 116, of said Revised Statutes, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Highways and Motor Traffic.

By Mr. Brown:

H. B. No. 440, A bill to be entitled "An Act relating to public lands; placing under the terms and provisions of the Permit Law for the development of oil and gas all public free school lands recovered from the Capitol Syndicate and heretofore sold; and providing for the payment to the purchaser or owner ten cents per acre, and in addition a royalty equal to the market value of one sixty-fourth (1-64) of the gross production of oil and gas as an equivalent for his interest therein, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Public Lands and Buildings.

By Mr. McCombs:

H. B. No. 441, A bill to be entitled "An Act relating to bail for persons accused of crime, prescribing certain requirements relative to the solvency of sureties; providing for false statements made by sureties on bail bonds to be guilty of perjury, and further providing the manner in which bail bonds shall be forfeited."

Referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Mr. Lipscomb and Mr. Harding:

H. B. No. 442, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the creation of public parks in counties having an assessed taxable valuation of one hundred and forty million dollars or more, and providing for the issuance of bonds for the creation and maintenance of such parks, and to purchase the requisite lands therefor; providing a tax of five cents on the \$100 property valuation to pay the interest on such bonds, and to create a sinking fund therefor; and further providing that such tax of five cents shall be in addition to all other taxes allowed by such counties by law, and providing for the creation of an advisory park board under the direction of the commissioners court of each county, and repealing Article 6078 of

the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, and all other laws in conflict therewith in so far as same apply to counties having an assessed property valuation of one hundred and forty million dollars or more, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

By Mr. Shaver:

H. B. No. 443, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2892, Revised Statutes, 1925, raising the maximum age prescribed for compulsory attendance in the public schools of the State; increasing the compulsory attendance period, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Renfro of Mills:

H. B. No. 444, A bill to be entitled "An Act regulating tuition, fees and charges at State educational institutions; limiting the amount of the same; requiring the placing of same in the State Treasury so that the same shall be subject to the appropriation of the Legislature and payable on warrants of the Comptroller; permitting voluntary payments for student activities under certain restrictions, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Denman:

H. B. No. 445, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 6205, Title 109, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, providing that the word 'widow,' as used in this article, shall not apply to women born since the year 1875."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Wells (by request):

H. B. No. 446, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 6, of the Chapter 183, of the General Laws of the Thirty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, and creating the sand, gravel and shell fund, and appropriating the same; providing for refund of taxes paid on marl, gravel, shell or mudshell, by any county, city or town or State Highway Commission, and providing for the enforcement of the provisions of the sand, shell and gravel law; for the killing of pelicans, porpoise and the destruction of pelican eggs, and authorizing the payment of compensation therefor, and repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Game and Fisheries.

By Mr. McCombs:

H. B. No. 447, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for joint trials of defendants jointly indicted, and permitting each defendant so indicted to testify."

Referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following Senate bills, received from the Senate today, were laid before the House, read first time and referred to the appropriate committees as follows:

Senate bill No. 54, to the Committee on State Affairs.

Senate bill No. 138, to Judiciary Committee.

RECESS.

On motion of Mr. Satterwhite, the House, at 12 o'clock m., took recess to 1:30 o'clock p. m. today.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The House reconvened at 1:30 o'clock p. m., and was called to order by the Speaker.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. Barron, the House, at 4:30 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 11 o'clock a. m. next Monday.

APPENDIX.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS.

The following standing committees have filed favorable reports on bills as follows:

Judicial Districts: House bill No. 351.

Labor: Senate bill No. 71.

Judiciary: House bills Nos. 294, 386, 210; Senate bills Nos. 89, 90, 92, 93, 94.

State Affairs: House bill No. 87.

Highways and Motor Traffic: House bills Nos. 379, 326.

Education: House bills Nos. 241, 266; Senate bill No. 8.

Appropriations: Senate bill No. 173.

Conservation and Reclamation: Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 16.

The following standing committees have filed adverse reports on bills as follows:

Public Health: House bill No. 337.
 Highways and Motor Traffic: House bills Nos. 68, 194.
 Education: House bill No. 5.
 Judicial Districts: House bill No. 142.

NINETEENTH DAY.

(Monday, February 7, 1927.)

The House met at 11 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Speaker Bobbitt.

The roll was called, and the following members were present:

Acker.	Jacks.
Alexander.	Jones.
Anderson.	Justice.
Avis.	Kayton.
Barnett.	Kemble.
Barron.	Kennedy.
Bass.	Kenyon.
Bateman.	Kincaid.
Beck.	King of
Black.	Throckmorton.
Boggs.	Kinnear.
Boon.	Kirkland.
Brown.	Land.
Conway.	Lipscomb.
Cornwell.	Loftin.
Cox.	Long.
Cummings.	Loy.
Dale.	McCombs.
Daniel.	McGill.
Davis.	McKean.
DeBerry.	Merritt.
Denman.	Minor.
Dunlap.	Moore.
Duvall.	Morse.
Eickenroht.	Moursund.
Enderby.	Murphy.
Farrar.	Nabors.
Faulk.	Nicholson.
Finlay.	Olsen.
Fly.	Parish of Runnels.
Forbes.	Parrish of Travis.
Foster.	Pavlica.
Fuchs.	Pearce.
Gibson.	Petsch.
Gilbert.	Poage.
Graves.	Pool.
Gray.	Pope.
Hagaman.	Porter.
Hall.	Purl.
Harding.	Ramsey.
Harman.	Rawlins.
Hefley.	Reagan.
High.	Renfro
Holder.	of Angelina.
Holland.	Renfro of Mills.
Hornaday.	Rogers of Hays.

Rogers of Shelby.	Teer.
Rowell.	Turner.
Runge.	Van Zandt.
Satterwhite.	Veatch.
Shaver.	Waddell.
Shearer.	Walker.
Sheats.	Wallace
Shirley.	of Freestone.
Simmons.	Wallace of Panola.
Sinks.	Wallace of Smith.
Smith of El Paso.	Wassell.
Smith of Smith.	Webb.
Smyth.	Wells.
Snelgrove.	Whitaker.
Stell.	Williams
Stevenson.	of Travis.
Storey.	Williamson.
Stout.	Woodall.
Sutton.	Woodruff.
Swain.	Young.
Taylor.	

Absent.

Gates.	Tillotson.
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Absent—Excused.

Albritton.	Masterson.
Bird.	Montgomery.
Bonham.	Powell.
Branch.	Sanders.
Dielmann.	Smith of Atascosa.
Durham.	Smith of Nueces.
Johnson.	Ware.
King of Hopkins.	Williams
Kirby.	of Sabine.

A quorum was announced present.

Prayer was offered by J. C. Mitchell, Chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of important business:

Mr. Bonham for today, on motion of Mr. McGill.

Mr. Ware for today, on motion of Mr. Woodruff.

Mr. Montgomery for today, on motion of Mr. Wells.

Mr. Smith of Atascosa for today, on motion of Mr. Shearer.

Mr. Dielmann for today, on motion of Mr. Runge.

Mr. Durham for today, on motion of Mr. Farrar.

Mr. Sanders for today, on motion of Mr. Gilbert.

Mr. Bird for today, on motion of Mr. Rowell.

Mr. Masterson for today, on motion of Mr. Sheats.

Mr. Johnson for today, on motion of Mr. Daniel.